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1. FOLLOWING ARE DEVELOPMENTS RELATING UN EFFORTS SUPPORT
TURKISH NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM.

2. TURKISH DND DEPUTY DIRECTOR KANDEMIR REPORTS THAT
KIRCA, ON INVITATION DEMIRL, DEPARTED JUNE 24 FOR
ANKARA WHERE HE EXPECTS REMAIN ABOUT ONE WEEK OFR
CONSULTATIONS ON WHOLE RANGE OF QUESTIONS RELATED TURKISH
NARCOTICS PROGRAM. KIRCA IS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS DEPUTY
FOR ECONOMIC/FINANCIAL AFFAIRS (KAFAOGLU) WHO WILL
PURSUE SUCH MATTERS AS ESTABLISHMENT ALKALOIDS FACOTRY.

3. MARTENS HAS RECIEVED FORTHCOMING LETTER FROM
IBRD (DAVAR) RELATING TO FACTORY. LETTER SUGGESTS THAT
GOT ARRANGE FOR VIABLE PROPOSAL TO BE DEVELOPED BY STATE
ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE CONCERNED AND SUBMITTED TO STATE
INVESTMENT BANK (SIB) FOR FINANCING OUT OF \$40 MILLION
LOAN WHICH IBRD PROVIDED LATTER IN 1974. IBRD STATES
THAT IN VIEW IMPORTANCE GOT ATTACHES TO ITS PROGRAM FOR
CONTROLLING POPPY CULTIVATION AND PRDUCTION OF DERIV-
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ATIVES, BANK WOULD BE PREPARED ASSIST SIB IN REVIEWING

TECHNICAL/FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF SUCH PROPOSAL, AND, IF GOT/SIB SO DESIRE, ALSO TO ADVISE ON PROCUREMENT AND RELATED ARRANGEMENTS. BANK'S LETTER CONCLUDES BY EXPRESSING HOPE THAT GOT WILL PURSUE WITH SIB QUESTION OF USE PORTION 1974 IBRD LOAN FOR ALKALOIDS FACTORY. WELLMAN HAS GIVEN COPY OF IBRD'S LETTER TO TURKISH CHARGE ARIM WHO EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION RE BANK'S PROPOSALS AND SAID HE WOULD TRANSMIT THEM PROMPTLY TO KIRCA AND ANKARA.

4. UNFDAC HAS INTENDED THAT QUESTION OF DECREE TO BE ISSUED BY GOT BY JUNE 30 SO ACREAGE TO BE LICENSED FOR 1975/76 POPPY CROP SHOULD BE TAKEN UP BY UN TEAM IN ANKARA. SINCE GOT SET DATES OF JULY 2-6 FOR UN TEAM'S VISIT (REFTEL), WELLMAN CALLED ON TURKISH CHARGE ARIM JUNE 24 TO NOTE THAT CONTROL SYSTEM NOT YET TESTED AND TO EXPRESS HOPE THAT ACREAGE TO BE LICENSED FOR NEXT POPPY CROP WILL NOT EXCEED ACREAGE AUTHORIZED LAST YEAR AND THAT PLANTING WILL BE PERMITTED EXCLUSIVELY IN SEVEN PROVINCES SITUATED IN CENTER OF TURKEY AND NOT EXTENDED TO ANY OTHER PROVINCE. WELLMAN NOTED THAT ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECREE WOULD COINCIDE WITH MARTENS' ARRIVAL ANKARA AND THAT ANY INCREASE IN ACREAGE OR EXTENSION BEYOND SEVEN PROVINCES WOULD DRETEA KIND OF WAVES WHICH BOTH UN AND TURKEY WISH AVOID. ADDED HE KNEW THAT IN CONVERSATION WITH MARTENS FEW WEEKS AGO KIRCA EXPRESSED VIEW THAT GOT WOULD RESIST ANY PRESSURES TO INCREASE POPPY ACREAGE.

5. WELLMAN SAYS THAT ARIM FROWNED AND STATED THAT TURKISH MISSION HAD RECEIVED NO INFORMATION REGARDING PROPOSED TERMS OF NEW DECREE. HOWEVER, ARIM VERY MUCH DOBUTED THAT ANY INCREASE IN LICENSED ACREAGE WOULD BE ANNOUNCED OR EXTENDED BEYOND SEVEN PROVINCES. ALSO COMMENTED THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE TIME TO INCREASE ACREAGE AND THAT IN ANY EVENT CROP THIS YEAR WAS POOR AND HE DID NOT BELIEVE GOT WOULD WANT EXTEND.

6. WELLMAN BELIEVES HIS DEMARCHE WILL BE PASSED ALONG TO KIRCA AND ANKARA TOGETHER WITH INFO RE IBRD'S ATTITUDE TOWARD CONSTRUCTION ALKALOIDS FACTORY.
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7. INCB SECRETARY DITTERT ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF NEW DECREE IN CONVERSATION JUNE 24 WITH KANDEMIR, TURKISH DEPUTY DIRECTOR DND. DITTERT MADE CLEAR THAT BOARD WOULD TAKE EXCEEDINGLY DIM VIEW OF ANY INCREASE IN ACREAGE OR EXTENSION BEYOND SEVEN PROVINCES. KANDEMIR REPLIED THAT DEMIREL KNOWS ALL ABOUT NARCOTICS PROBLEM AND WILL DO NOTHING THAT WILL CREATE DIFFICULTIES. ADDED THAT

STATEMENTS RECENTLY MADE IN TURKEY REFERRING TO POSSIBLE CULTIVATION OF POPPIES IN MALAYKA WERE POLITICALLY MOTIVATED AND SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. DITTERT ASSUMES THAT VIEWS HE EXPRESSED WILL BE COMMUNICATED ANKARA.

8. TURKISH MISSION HAS INFORMED UNFDAC OF GOT'S DECISION IN PRINCIPLE TO REQUEST FUND'S ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING COMPASS TRIP AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE SYSTEM TO DETECT ILLICIT POPPY CULTIVATION IN TURKEY. TECHNICAL TEAM (US EXPERTS PLUS EMBLAD) DEPARTS JUNE 25 FOR ANKARA TO CARRY OUT PREPARATORY DISCUSSIONS WITH TURKISH AUTHORITIES WITH VIEW INSTALLING SYSTEM IN TIME FOR NEXT YEAR'S HARVEST. DALE

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